

States/UTs	Districts (PHCs)
13. Uttar Pradesh	Mirzapur
14. West Bengal	Purulia (Ajodhya Hills) (Bogumundi) Jalpaiguri (Uttarlatabari PHC) (Kalchini)

Internet connectivity of Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary to National Medical Library

257. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary has been provided Internet connectivity to the National Medical Library; and

(b) if not, when the Institute would be linked to the library?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) A pilot project has been launched to link National Medical Library with 23 Government Medical College Libraries (1 each in the capital city of State/UT) through Internet. The Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary will be considered for linking if a decision is taken in respect of other Government Medical College Libraries.

Shortage of medicines in AIIMS

258. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the non-availability and shortages of medicines prescribed by the Institute's doctors at the AIIMS drug store, putting patients to lot of inconvenience; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to ensure availability of prescribed medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Life

saving emergency medicines are available in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and are issued to the patients admitted in the General Wards and Intensive Care Units. In case of any shortage or non-availability of any emergency medicine in the ward areas, local purchase is resorted to and issued to the patient care areas. For non-emergent medicines and surgical disposables, the patients who can afford including those admitted in the Private Wards are encouraged to buy the same from the market. As per the official drug-list prepared by AIIMS, more than 90% drugs are available in the hospital at any point of time. Several steps are also initiated by AIIMS to improve drug supply in the Institute.

Health services for poor and middle class population

**259. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to provide adequate and proper health services for the people;
- (b) whether Government hospitals are known for their inefficiency, over-crowding and callous attitude of staff; and
- (c) if so, what action Government are taking to improve these resources, especially for the poor and middle class population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The provision of medical facilities, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged, continues to be a common objective for all those concerned. Government is making every effort to achieve better health care for its people through a variety of measures including the implementation of several National Programmes and renovation and modernisation of the health infrastructure. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of patients being attended to in the Government hospitals over the years. However, due care is taken